

## Ontario's Great Paving Program Marks Development from Country Town to City

Progressive Work to be Done in Ontario this Year Greater Than That Undertaken by any City of Its Size in Eastern Oregon or Western Idaho  
Three Miles of Paving to be Laid

Ontario has under way the greatest program of development undertaken for this year by any city of its size in the Snake river valley, or in all Eastern Oregon.

Within the week the crews of the Warren Construction company will start the laying of nearly three and a half miles of bituminous pavement in Ontario. On these fine streets the traffic of the county will find rest from the rough roads of the interior and an impetus to better conditions will be found.

Ontario in this movement has led the way. It is the first town in this section of the state to start a comprehensive development movement. The paving program is in keeping with the spirit of Ontario manifested first in its municipal water system.

### Will Connect With Country

That Ontario was seeking not to put on a good appearance down town in the business district, but to take its paved streets to all the approaches of the city is indicated by the extent to which paving will be laid.

Starting with Main, or what was Oregon street, the paving will go from Fifth avenue, S. W., to Third avenue, N. W., a distance of eight blocks, thence it turns west to Ninth street, N. W., the street leading to the Fair ground, giving entrance to the city from the Northwest. Just a block from the point where the Old Oregon Trail will enter the city.

The lateral leading to the west to be paved is Third avenue, S. W., or what was California avenue. This will be paved from Main to Eleventh street, S. W., which is the street back of the Holy Rosary hospital. This will form an adequate gateway for traffic from the Boulevard region and the interior of the county to the west and south.

The East entrance will be effected by the paving of Idaho avenue, the base line by which the city is divided north and south, from its intersection at Main to the city limits at East Fifth street and the County road leading to the Interstate bridge. This road, by the way, is to be paved by the Highway Commission as its portion of the terminus of the Old Oregon Trail. By this work travelers to Ontario will have a paved road from the city limits on the east to those on the West. No other city or town in this section of the state has such a program before it this year.

### Side Streets Not Neglected

Besides these main thoroughfares there will be paving to the tracks on South First, Second, Third and Fourth from Main to the tracks. On First the paving will stop at the alley intersections, while on Second it will go to the passenger station and on Fourth to the west rail of the tracks.

There will also be paving around the block bounded by Main street, Second and First avenues, S. W., and First street, thus giving the City Hall a proper setting.

### Other Streets in Prospect

Right now these streets are within the program already adopted upon which work will be started within a week. In the meantime other projects will be launched.

The Council has received petitions for the paving of Second street, S. W., from the city limits to connect with the lateral to the West, Third avenue, S. W. This will furnish an artery for travel to that section of the city where so many new homes are under construction at the present time.

Property owners in other sections of the city are talking paving forebly right now, especially those in the Northwest section of the city who desire pavement to lead to the main thoroughfares and give them the advantage which the people of the Southwest section will have when Second is paved.

### Plant Almost Ready

The paving plant which will furnish the material for this work has been in Ontario all winter and is now being put in condition for operations. The crew is being assembled now and work will start as soon as the streets are dry enough for operations. With the coming of the present season Ontario and its visitors will see the passing of mud over a

large portion of the city streets, and it is the confident belief of those who have faith in Ontario that this is but a start toward the time when Ontario will made all of its principal residences as well as the business streets and those leading from the country paved with a modern hard surface pavement.

### NYSSA BOY HONORED AT U.O.F.O.

Don Davis of Nyssa was unanimously chosen president of the Laurean society at a meeting held Thursday, Feb. 5. The purpose of the Laurean society is to stimulate interest among men students in public speaking and debate and to train them for University work along these lines.

Mr. Davis won on the campus committee during the drive for subscriptions to the Oregonian, the student annual. He led the Owl Club campaigners in the contest and they were the first house in the campus to reach the 100 per cent mark. The club will receive an Oregonian free of charge for their library as a reward for their school spirit.

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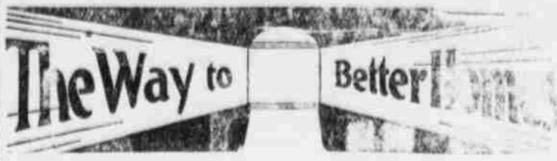
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